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Taylor Electric Cooperative's

79th ANNUAL MEETING

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Taylor Electric Cooperative
Annual Meeting

Thursday, April 19th, 2018

Doors open at 10 a.m.

1100 N. Sixth St, Abilene
Abilene Convention Center

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR



ZONE 1

Cecil Davis has represented Zone 1 on the Taylor Electric Cooperative Board of Directors since November 2007, when the nominating committee tapped him to replace longtime director J.D. Sandusky. He also has served as Taylor EC's representative on the Golden Spread Electric Cooperative board. He has been a Taylor EC member for 35 years.

Davis has worked in the construction industry for 18 years, a field he joined after an 11-year tenure as superintendent of the Wylie Independent School District. He also served as a principal and superintendent for Hawley Independent School District. Davis and his wife, Pam, are active members of Beltway Park Church.

The couple has four grown daughters and 10 grandchildren. Three of their daughters' families are Taylor EC members as well. Davis serves on the Taylor County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. His family volunteers wherever needed. They have built wheelchair ramps, installed handicap tubs and showers, and poured concrete so that buildings can be accessed by handicapped people. He believes that serving God and others is the key to happiness.



ZONE 2

In 2011, **David McFall** served his first term as Zone 1 director. During his first term, he successfully achieved the status of Credentialed Cooperative Director and became a member of the Rural Friends of Electric Cooperatives and Action Committee for Rural Electrification political action committees. McFall and his wife, Lisa, reside in Tye, where they have

been co-op members for more than 40 years. Both are now retired; Lisa is a former Merkel schoolteacher, and David is retired from ACCO Feeds but currently works as a right-of-way agent.

For the past 13 years, McFall has volunteered as a Taylor County AgriLife Executive Committee member, bringing together his love of agriculture with giving back to the community. McFall's community involvement also includes 11 years on the Merkel Independent School District board, where he served as president and vice president, as well as service on the board of Sun Water Supply Corp. McFall is a longtime member of Pioneer Baptist Church, serving as a deacon for 36 years as both chairman and vice chairman.

McFall graduated from Abilene Cooper High School and continued his education by earning a business agriculture degree from Abilene Christian University. The McFalls have been married for 42 years and have a son and a daughter, both Merkel High School graduates. The McFalls are proud grandparents of two grandsons and two granddaughters.



ZONE 3

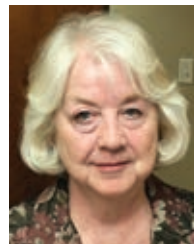
Terry Locklar was born in Hawaii and grew up and graduated from high school in Harlingen. He attended Texas Tech University, where he majored in plant and soil science, and then TAVS, where he received a degree in farrier science.

He moved to Sweetwater a year after graduating and started his farrier business.

He was in business for 18 years when he was appointed Nolan County commissioner for Precinct 2, a position he held for 10 years. In 2016, he became general manager and marketing director of the Nolan County Coliseum. In his first year, he oversaw and managed the construction of a multimillion-dollar equine center.

Locklar has served with Sweetwater Jaycees as vice president, Sweetwater Christian Sportsman Club as president, the Bitter Creek Water Board, Nolan County Fair and Rodeo, and Sweetwater Bass Club. He currently sits on the Sweetwater Sounding board and the Taylor EC Nominating Committee and has been deacon at 4th & Elm Church of Christ for 24 years.

Locklar is married to Jill Locklar, a former coach for Sweetwater Independent School District. They have two daughters, Lyndi Cherry, owner of Gypsy Jangle, and Larissa Locklar, Lubbock Christian University graduate. The Locklars are proud grandparents of two grandsons and have another on the way. The Locklars enjoy their country living near Lake Sweetwater and have been Taylor EC members for more than 25 years.



ZONE 3

Gayla Simmons is a native of Nolan and a fourth-generation member of Taylor Electric Cooperative. She is a 1973 graduate of McMurry University with a BA in English and minors in history and education. She is a member of Nolan United Methodist Church.

Before starting a 26-year customer service career with AT&T, she taught school in Bartlett and worked for Braniff Airways.

While in Abilene, Simmons served as a director of the Abilene Telco Federal Credit Union. She has held several positions with Telecom Pioneers, including president of the Texas Pride Chapter, and continues to volunteer with the group. She volunteered with Make-A-Wish Foundation and oversaw granting wishes to several children.

Since taking early retirement in 2008, she has helped manage the family ranch and enjoys keeping up with nine great-nephews and one great-niece. Her other favorite thing is her "hobby farm," where she raises miniature horses and donkeys.

By bringing electricity to the area, Taylor EC and neighboring co-ops transformed lives for those privileged to live in this corner of rural America. There is a need to continue searching for ways to ensure our members have access to the same opportunities as those who live in more populated areas. Simmons would consider it an honor to be a part of guiding Taylor EC as we work toward that goal.

Please tear the card along
the dotted line and
BRING IT WITH YOU
to the meeting.



This is your
REGISTRATION CARD
for the 2018 annual meeting and ticket for
PRIZE DRAWINGS!

Please
BRING IT WITH YOU
to the meeting **Thursday, April 19, 2018.**
Doors open at 10 a.m.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

79TH ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

PROGRAM

Thursday, April 19, 2018

Abilene Convention Center
1100 N. 6th St. • Abilene 79601

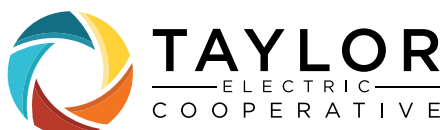
Doors Open **10 a.m.**
• Registration
• Distribution of capital credit checks
• Health fair
• Information booths

Cooperative business meeting begins **11 a.m.**

Lunch served and business meeting continues **11:20 a.m.**

Election closes **12:30 p.m.**

Election results **1 p.m.**



MEMBER REGISTRATION CARD

FOR
**TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Thursday, April 19, 2018 • Doors open at 10 a.m.
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This is your registration card and ticket for prizes.
(cannot be duplicated)



Please tear the card along
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to the meeting.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

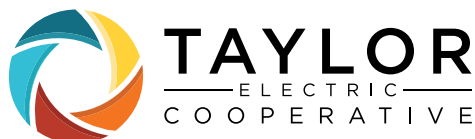
Capital Credit Checks • Director Election • Prize Drawings • Delicious Meal • Health Fair

The Taylor Electric Cooperative 2017 Annual Report is found on Pages 17-24 of this issue.



OFFICIAL NOTICE

April 2018



Dear Member:

The 79th annual meeting of the members of Taylor Electric Cooperative will take place at the Abilene Convention Center on Thursday, April 19, 2018.

Registration of members will begin at 10 a.m. The morning hour will be devoted to registration, a health fair and educational booths.

The business meeting will begin at 11 a.m., when action will be taken on the following matters:

- ▶ The reports of officers, directors and committees.
- ▶ The election of board members for the cooperative.
- ▶ All other business that may come before the meeting's adjournment.
- ▶ Drawings for door prizes donated by our suppliers.

The following members have been nominated for director by the committee on nominations, pursuant to the bylaws:

ZONE 1: Cecil Davis

ZONE 2: David McFall

ZONE 3: Terry Locklar, Gayla Simmons

In accordance with Taylor Electric Cooperative's bylaws, only one director will be elected per zone per election.

Parks Thomas

PARKS THOMAS, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Taylor Electric Cooperative Board of Directors

PROGRAM

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Noon-1 p.m.	Fellowship
12:30 p.m.	Election closes
1 p.m.	Election results

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



CECIL DAVIS
CHAIRMAN



LELAND ROBINSON
VICE CHAIRMAN



PARKS THOMAS
SECRETARY-TREASURER



KATHY RAINEY



DAVID MCFALL



GARLAND CARTER



RICHARD PETREE
AT-LARGE



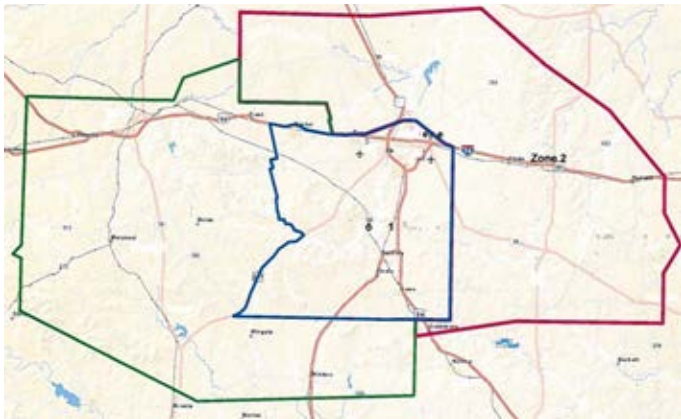
RYAN BARTLETT
PRESIDENT/CEO



DON RICHARDS
ATTORNEY

TAYLOR EC BOARD DISTRICTS

The directors at Taylor Electric Cooperative participate in extensive training during their tenure. They are required to become Credentialed Cooperative Directors through the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's certification program. Certification is earned by attending five required courses and successfully passing accreditation testing at each level. The required courses include instruction in director duties and liabilities as well as corporate business and financial planning.



- ZONE 1**
Cecil Davis, *Chairman*, 2007
Leland Robinson, *Vice Chairman*, 2004
- ZONE 2**
Garland Carter, 2016
David McFall, 2011
- ZONE 3**
Parks Thomas, *Secretary-Treasurer*, 1996
Kathy Rainey, 2015
- AT-LARGE**
Richard Petree, 2014

DEDICATION



CHRIS BURROWS | TEC

We would like to dedicate this annual meeting to all of those impacted by Hurricane Harvey. Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they continue to rebuild their lives. We were proud to be able to serve beside some of our fellow co-ops during the recovery efforts.

OPERATION ROUND-UP FUNDS BENEFIT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS ARE ESSENTIAL TO life in West Texas and rely on donations to help area communities.

Thanks to the members of Taylor Electric Cooperative, several area VFDs each will receive a donation at the co-op's 79th annual meeting April 19. Members of each VFD and the Texas Forest Service's regional office in Merkel will be honored and presented checks at the meeting.

The Operation Round-Up fund is financed by members who opt to round up their electric bills to the nearest dollar each month. All the extra change adds up and allows the Taylor EC membership to give back to the communities where they live.



The volunteer fire departments receiving donations are:

Baird VFD • Blackwell VFD • Buffalo Gap VFD • Clyde VFD
Cottonwood VFD • Cross Plains VFD • ECCA VFD • Eula VFD
Hamby VFD • Hawley VFD • Jim Ned VFD • Lake Sweetwater VFD
Lawn VFD • Maryneal VFD • Merkel VFD • Moro/Bradshaw VFD
Mulberry Canyon VFD • Nolan VFD • Oplin VFD • Potosi VFD
Putman VFD • Texas Forest Service • Trent VFD • Tye VFD
View VFD • Wingate VFD

CONGRATULATIONS TO TAYLOR COUNTY'S FARM FAMILY OF THE YEAR

Abilene Auction

"THERE'S NOT A DAY THAT GOES

by when I don't learn something in the cattle business," said Randy Carson, owner of Abilene Auction.

And the lessons have been many over the years.

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Taylor County selected Carson and his family as the 2018 Agriculture Family of the Year. The formal presentation took place at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce's annual Agriculture Scholarship Luncheon during the annual Texas Farm Ranch & Wildlife Expo on February 21.



Carson, a native of Merkel, got his first job sacking groceries at Carson Grocery Store when his father, J.C. Carson, was a butcher at the store. Upon graduating from Merkel High School, he entered Cisco Junior College and began working at Abilene Auction. That was 1967, and over the years, Carson has performed every job possible at Abilene Auction, from cleaning water troughs and sorting cattle to serving as the night watchman and alley hand.

In 1993, a partnership between John Michener, Madison Michener and Carson purchased the facility, located just north of Interstate 20 in Abilene. In 2000, Carson purchased the Micheners' shares and became the sole owner of Abilene Auction. Abilene Auction now serves as a regional cattle marketing center with over 50,000 head of cattle sold annually.

Hard work doesn't go unnoticed, and Carson has quickly become recognized as an agriculture industry leader not only in the region but also statewide. He is committed to the beef industry and helping cattlemen obtain top dollar for their livestock. "Two major things cattlemen must focus on are animal health and genetics," he said.

Carson feels that the beef industry will continue to be a major portion of agriculture in the Big Country. "The beef industry is different now since there are fewer number of cattle producers today," he said.

Today, there are fewer stocker cattle operations in the region, Carson said, mainly because many acres that once held small grain crops are now in the Conservation Reserve Program, the government program which takes land out of production to improve environmental health and quality of the land. He also said that there are fewer young producers compared to the past.

In addition to his weekly sale, Carson gives back to the industry and the community. For several years, he has co-chaired the annual Roundup for Rehab for the West Texas

Rehabilitation Center.

"I have tried to retire from this post, but the committee never pays any attention to me when I try," Carson said, laughing.

Over the years, numerous educational events addressing the current needs of the livestock industry have been held at Abilene Auction.

"Randy has always been the first to offer his facilities and has never said no to any request to help," said Robert Pritz, former AgriLife Extension agent for Taylor County.

Because of this dedication, Carson was awarded Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture in 2001 by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association—an award that Carson said he is most proud of. Carson also served as president of the Livestock Marketing Association of Texas from 1999–2000 and is still an active member of the group.

When asked about unique memories at the barn over the years, Carson recalled two instances. The first was in the 1970s, when Jimmy Carter's presidential campaign scheduled a stop at Abilene Auction.

"For four days, we had the Secret Service at the barn going over every inch of the place to ensure Carter's safety," Carson recalled. "The Secret Service even repaired loose tin panels where someone could hide in on the roof."

The day of the appearance, the barn was full of eager Abilenians ready to meet the potential next president when an announcement was made that Carter was at the Civic Center instead of the auction barn.

"The barn emptied in a matter of minutes with everyone heading to downtown Abilene," Carson said.

The second was an engagement party held at the auction barn with his now wife, Barbara Ann.

"We had a large crowd of our friends and family, including a preacher, and decided now that was just as good as time as any to be married," he said.

Within minutes the event became a wedding, with Randy and Barbara Ann being married in the auction ring.

The Carson family—which includes their daughter, Angela; son, Cody; and grandsons, McCall and Cash—symbolizes the role of a family dedicated to agriculture. Texas A&M AgriLife Extension-Taylor County is pleased to recognize them as the 2018 Agriculture Family of the Year.

Source: Gary Bomar, *Abilene Reporter News*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPRESENTS MEMBERS



The members of the nominating committee, from left, are Craig Bessent, Dee Vinson, Colleen Richards, Jesse Mulanax, Ashley Thompson, Mary Ussery and Melvin Bachhofer.

TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S NOMINATING COMMITTEE MET FEBRUARY 20 TO screen candidates for the 2018 director seats. The volunteers serve as the voice of the membership by answering questions, gathering input and listening to goals from the members within their region. Each zone is represented by members on the committee.

Taylor EC members voted their approval of the men and women who graciously serve on the nominating committee during the business portion of the 2017 annual meeting. Craig Bessent, a representative from Zone 1, serves as the 2018 chairman.

The committee evaluated nominee submissions to ensure that each candidate met the required conditions of the bylaws, including cooperative membership, good standing with the cooperative and a criminal background check.

In the January and February issues of *Texas Co-op Power*, the cooperative invited members to apply for board of director candidacies by publishing an application that anyone could fill out and mail, fax or deliver to the Taylor EC headquarters.

Taylor EC is grateful for the time, dedication and careful consideration given by the members on the nominating committee. Bessent acknowledged receiving the resignation of Terry Locklar from the nominating committee. Locklar resigned to run as a board candidate.

Taylor Electric Cooperative

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Merkel, TX 79536

PRESIDENT/CEO

Ryan Bartlett

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Cecil Davis, Board Chairman, Zone 1
Leland Robinson, Board Vice Chairman, Zone 1
Parks Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer, Zone 3
Garland Carter, Zone 2
David McFall, Zone 2
Richard Petree, At-Large
Kathy Rainey, Zone 3

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By Phone

(325) 793-8500

Visa, MasterCard, checks accepted
Payments credited immediately

In Person

Main office hours:

7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., Monday–Friday
226 CR 287, off I-20, west of Abilene
Wells Lane exit 274 between Tye and
Merkel

Abilene office hours:

7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Monday–Friday
7966 Hwy 83, Abilene 79602
Visa, MasterCard, checks, cash and money
orders accepted
Payments credited immediately

Drop Box

Main office drop box at front gate: 24/7
Abilene office drop box (next to middle door): 24/7

Checks and money orders accepted
Payments credited next business day

Pay Stations

- **Lawrence Brothers IGA**
521 S. Access Road, Clyde
- **Food Plaza #4**
109 S.E. Fifth St., Cross Plains
- **Save-A-Lot**
155 Sayles Blvd., Abilene
- **Lawrence Brothers IGA**
2160 Pine St., Abilene
- **Check Express**
906 E. Broadway Ave., Sweetwater

Cash, checks, money orders and debit
cards accepted
Payments credited next business day



A photograph of three linemen working on a wooden utility pole in a rural setting. One worker is high up on the pole, another is lower down, and a third is on the ground. The background features a dense line of green trees under a blue sky with light clouds. A wooden building is partially visible on the left side of the frame.

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Friends in
High Places.

Celebrate Lineman Appreciation Day on April 9.
#ThankALineman

TAYLOR
ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Your Touchstone Energy Cooperative

EMPLOYEES AND YEARS OF SERVICE

EMPLOYEE	JOB TITLE	YEARS OF SERVICE
Adair, Donald S.	Meter Technician	12
Adams, Philip	Auto Mechanic	1
Anderson, Kerry L.	System Control Operator Level I	5
Baker, Bobby H.	Fiber Technician	3
Barnhill, Kolby	Apprentice Lineman Level I	1
Bartlett, Ryan A.	Chief Executive Officer/President	3
Brazelton, S. Trent	Customer Service & Billing Representative	3
Brisco, Nancy G.	Chief Financial Officer	3
Bryan, Rocky W.	Sr. Meter Technician	40
Bryan, Tanner	Staking Technician	New
Campbell, Rhonda L.	Head Cashier	15
Cantu, Jason R.	Apprentice Lineman Level IV	5
Caton, Colby T.	Substation and Distribution Equipment Manager	3
Chappa, Bri R.	Customer Service & Billing Representative	5
Cooke, Donna A.	Accounting Clerk	19
Crowe, Hannah E.	Accounting Clerk	4
Culpepper, A. Ryan	Apprentice Lineman Level IV	5
Davis, Randy L. "Bungi"	Working Foreman	27
Devaney, Jason	Journeyman Lineman	12
Doan, S. Klint	Equipment Operator	16
Foss, Joshua W.	Journeyman Lineman	18
Freeman, Sarah K.	Accountant II/Purchasing Agent	9
Gaura, Jason A.	Apprentice Lineman Level III	3
Giddings, Robert A.	Fiber Technician	12
Goodwill Jr., Steven W.	System Control Operator Level II	10
Graham, Jeanie S.	Executive Assistant	4
Griffin, Allison N.	Communications Representative	5
Grimes, James A.	Transportation Manager	12
Grimes, Yolisma	Customer Service & Billing Manager	21
Guenther, Joe H.	Facility Maintenance Supervisor	8
Harris, Justin C.	Fiber Technician	5
Harris, Lisa A.	Accounting Clerk	23
Haspel, Kyle	Director of Customer Service & Billing	2
Hays, Lynn	System Control Operations Manager	12
Hays, Misti	Controller	14
Henderson, Elric M.	System Control Operator Level II	5
Hogan, W. Kody	Equipment Operator	4
Holloway, Russell L.	Sr. Equipment Operator	14
Holmes, Ryan M.	Business Development Manager	7
Honey, John T.	Serviceman Foreman	27
Hunt, Linda	Sr. Financial Analyst	34
Jenkins, Chris	Metering Technician	New
Kofoed, Joshua E.	Working Foreman	12
Krause, Sean	Director of Engineering	2
Lindsey, J.D.	Journeyman Lineman	12
Martin, Bobby E.	Fiber Foreman	3
McKeehan, O.C.	Working Foreman	21
McVey, Elizabeth	Director of Communications	5
Munden, J. Cary	Staking Technician	21

EMPLOYEE	JOB TITLE	YEARS OF SERVICE
New, Billy J.	Service Operations Manager	22
Newberry, Tyler S.	Apprentice Lineman Level III	3
Porter, Brandy L.	Customer Service & Billing Representative	5
Riggan, Matt D.	GIS Technician	3
Robinson, Brad A.	Meter Technician/Supervisor	11
Robirds, David C.	System Support Analyst Level III	4
Rogers, Tammy F.	Accounting Clerk	11
Rosenquist, Devery K.	Underground Serviceman	12
Russell, Rodney W.	Master Electrician	12
Rutledge, Pete G.	Right-of-Way Foreman	23
Sarten, Nathan W.	Apprentice Lineman Level IV	3
Sayle, James L.	Safety Coordinator	3
Schoen, Jyl E.	Human Resources Manager	3
Scott, Spencer T.	Sr. Staking Technician	33
Shipman, Amanda N.	Payroll & Accounting Specialist	8
Simer, Gary	Director of Member Solutions	<1
Sipe, Chad D.	Maintenance Operations Manager	21
Sloan, Kyle E.	Right-of-Way Lineman	12
Stephens, Paul	Metering Technician	<1
Stephens, Robbie T.	Working Foreman	18
Thomas, C.J.	Sr. System Control Operator	9
Thomas, David	Construction Operations Manager	23
Tomblin, Nick	Apprentice Lineman Level I	1
Treadway, Ricky A.	Equipment Operator	5
Trulove, Maria L.	Business Analyst	7
Turner, James L.	Serviceman Foreman	12
Tutt, Donnie B.	Facility Maintenance Personnel	12
Underwood, Brett	Apprentice Lineman Level I	1
Villareal, Manuel T.	Equipment Operator	3
Walker, Tsunami S.	System Support Analyst Level II	4
Weir, Hunter	Right-of-Way Groundman	<1
Wells, Ken A.	Fiber Operations Manager	29
Wesson, Jefferson M.	Sr. System Control Operator	5
Wilson, Gerald Z.	Facility Maintenance Personnel	4
Wilson, Joseph B.	Working Foreman	20

2018 SERVICE RECOGNITION

10 YEARS

Brad Robinson
Tammy Rogers

15 YEARS

Klint Doan

20 YEARS

Cary Munden
Chad Sipe
O.C. McKeehan
Yolisma Grimes

MINUTES

Taylor Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting of Members | April 13, 2017

THE ANNUAL MEMBER MEETING OF TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, Inc., was held at the Abilene Convention Center, located at 1100 North 6th, Abilene TX 79601. Said meeting having provided due notice, after all the requirements of the bylaws and the law had been fully and completely met, and a quorum of said members being present; the meeting was called to order by the Board Chairman, Mr. Cecil Davis.

Mr. Davis welcomed the members to the 78th meeting. "I hope you have the opportunity to advantage of the health fair and visit with some of our Cooperative booths where the staff have told you of the many services offered by your Cooperative," he said. Mr. Davis further stated, "I hope you will enjoy the remainder of the meeting and to take part in your Cooperative's business."

Mr. Davis then appointed Mr. Don Richards, our cooperative attorney, to serve as Annual Meeting Chairman of Taylor Electric Cooperative's 2017 Annual Meeting. The Chairman then introduced the Taylor Electric Board of Directors as follows: Zone 1, Cecil Davis and Leland Robinson; Zone 2, David McFall and Garland Carter; Zone 3, Parks Thomas and Kathy Rainey; and At-Large, Richard Petree.

The Chairman then called for the reading of the Official Notice of the 2017 Annual Meeting to the Membership; Mr. Richards stated that the 2017 Official Notice was published in April 2017 edition of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine, as well as a copy of the Official Notice is available upon request. The Chairman then called for the reading of the Secretary's affidavit of the mailing of the Official Notice; he stated the affidavit and a copy of the Member Registration is attached to the minutes. (attached)

The Meeting Chairman called for the reading of the minutes of the previous Annual Membership Meeting. Mr. Richards stated "the minutes are included in the 2016 Annual Report which was previously mailed to the Membership and published in April 2017 edition of *Texas Co-op Power* magazine." For business purposes, he asked to entertain a motion to dispense with the reading of the April 28, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes; "a motion was made. A second has been made. All in favor." The Meeting Minutes were approved.

The Meeting Chairman introduced Mr. Parks Thomas, Board secretary-treasurer of the Cooperative to give a report to the membership. Mr. Thomas reported on the financial condition of the Cooperative. He provided a report on the financials and noted that an auditor letter was included to indicate that the cooperative was audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Mr. Thomas spoke of notable highlights of the 78th year Operations Financials for the year 2016. He also told the members if they had any questions regarding the financial report, to please feel free to contact one of the Cooperative's staff after the meeting or at the office.

Following the secretary's report, the meeting was returned to the Meeting Chairman, Mr. Richards.

The Chairman then introduced the Nominating Committee. He then called on Mr. Craig Bessent, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to give the report of the Nominating Committee. Mr. Bessent reported those nominated were as follows: At-Large 1. Richard Petree, 2. E. Ray Templeton. "One member will be elected today to serve a three-year term."

Following the report of the nominating committee, the meeting was returned to the Meeting Chairman, Mr. Richards. He provided an explanation of the nominations according to the bylaws of the Cooperative and the process for nomination by petition; stating "no petition was posted without membership verification or notification."

The Chairman then appointed the Election Judge and Clerks for the

annual meeting election. Krisi Allyn, retired Taylor County Elections Administrator, to serve as election judge and two (2) election clerks were selected, Dayna Ross and Jacquie Chrz. The members cast their ballots for the nominees and the ballots were collected for counting. Mr. Richards announced that balloting would be open until 12:30 p.m. Election results will be reported shortly after balloting closes and counting is completed.

"At this time, the election will continue and we will now formally elect the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee for Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. So, at this time, I will present to the membership a slate of members that have been nominated by the Board of Directors to serve as our cooperative's Nominating Committee for next year's meeting. The following is our slate of candidates from each of the three zones in the Cooperative service territory. They are: Zone 1, Craig Bessent and Colleen Richards; Zone 2, Melvin Bachhofer and Dee Vinson; and Zone 3, Terry Locklar, Mary Ussey, and Jesse Mulanax." Upon motion duly made by Catherine Morris, seconded by Garry Beam voting approval of the Nominating Committee for 2017-2018. "All in favor! Motion carries. Thank you."

Mr. Richards then announced, "We have no new business to come before the membership." He asked, "Are there any other matters or questions that should be addressed in this business session of the cooperative meeting?" "This now concludes the business functions of the Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc.'s 2017 Annual Meeting. Thank you."

Mr. Leland Robinson, Board Vice-Chairman, stood before the Membership to provide the Round-Up Report and to present Operation Round-Up funds to area Volunteer Fire Departments. He stated, "Operation Round-Up is a shining example of the cooperative difference. The voluntary program directly affects the communities served by Taylor Electric Cooperative by giving back to local volunteer fire departments; the selfless people who never hesitate to respond during emergency situations." He then invited the VFD representatives to step before the membership. A total of 26 area volunteer fire departments received Round-Up funds; 11 VFDs received \$2,500 and 15 VFDs received \$2,500 plus \$500 for being on our lines.

Mr. Don Richards returned before the membership to introduce Mr. Ryan Bartlett, President/CEO. Mr. Bartlett shared a few words regarding Taylor Electric Cooperative then showed a video. Following the video, he introduced our guest speaker, Mr. Mark Schwirtz with Golden Spread Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Schwirtz shared a few words regarding Golden Spread Electric Cooperative then showed a video.

Mr. Ryan Holmes returned before the Membership to express our gratitude the student volunteers from Merkel National Honor Society, Cisco College Wrangler Band and Cisco College Ladies Volleyball. He then recognized the Special Guests in attendance. Following the recognitions, he facilitated the drawing for door prizes.

Once all door prize drawings were complete, Mr. Richards received the election results from the Election Judge, Kristi Allyn. He announced the election results, stating that the director elected at-large was Richard Petree. (results attached)

The Meeting Chairman, Mr. Richards, then called for any unfinished business. There being none, the meeting was adjourned.

PARKS THOMAS, Secretary-Treasurer
CECIL DAVIS, Chairman